

PROJECT FACT SHEET (20 FEB 04)

PROJECT: Upper St. Marys River Channel Deepening, Near Sault Ste. Marie, MI

DESCRIPTION: The project for navigation, St. Marys River, Michigan, was modified to direct the Secretary to provide an additional foot of overdraft between Point Louise Turn and the Locks, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, consistent with the channels upstream of Point Louise Turn. The modification shall be carried out as operation and maintenance to improve navigation safety. FY01 O&M funds in the amount of \$ 3,000,000 were provided.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Representatives (D) Bart Stupak (MI-1), (R) Joseph K. Knollenberg (MI-9), (D) David R. Obey (WI-7), (R) Ralph Regula (OH-16), and (DFL) James L. Oberstar (MN-8)

LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:



PROJECT AUTHORITY: Section 372 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (P.L. 101-640)

FUNDING:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ 0
Funds Expended prior to FY04	\$ 5,203,000	\$ 5,203,000	\$ 0
Funds allocated in FY04	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ 0
FY05 Budget	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds that could be used in FY05	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds required to complete (> FY05)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

SCHEDULE MILESTONES:

Project Initiation	OCT 00
Construction Contract Awarded	MAY 01
Construction Completed	TBD
Project Closed-Out	TBD

STATUS: The dredging contract was awarded on 8 May 2001, for approximately \$ 2.6 M, and dredging was initiated on 12 July 2001. Dredging at the Aux Pins Course, West Approach and South Canal, and the south side of Vidal Shoals Channel has been completed. Before dredging was started in the Vidal Shoals Channel, the Contractor dug test pits in this area and found that the equipment used in the other areas was ineffective in the Vidal Shoals Channel. Based on the more difficult dredging, the contract was modified for an equitable adjustment of \$ 1.7 M. The Contractor has not yet dredged the north side of the Vidal Shoals Channel. The Government and Contractor are currently discussing disagreements and will need to reestablish the anticipated total project cost and the projected completion date.

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